



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Gerrit VERWOERD - 1 PCT (RCE)
SERIAL NO.: 10/550,133 EXAMINER: G. LEE
FILED: OCTOBER 26, 2005 GROUP: 3673
TITLE: ANNULAR GAP SEAL FOR A VALVE

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a) (2)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2007, for two months, from December 24, 2007 to February 24, 2008. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a) (2), is a check in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date of Deposit: January 30, 2008

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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